



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Oct. 13-19 2019

*'Where all are welcome to worship, to learn,
to serve in the name of Jesus Christ.'*

'Healthy Congregation' talk

THIS Saturday -- Oct. 12th

Starting at 10am on Saturday, Rev. Steve Kottke (Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership Support) will be giving a talk at St. Martin's titled 'Healthy Congregations'.

Presentation will be an introduction to systems theory and what makes for healthy communication and relationships within a congregation. *Hope to see you there!*

Seed Picking at Swamplovers - Sunday Oct. 13

For those church folks who are interested, seed picking at Swamplovers will take place on **Sunday the 13th at 2:00** when the youth group is coming out.

Directions-- west on Hwy. 14 to County Rd. KP, turn right (as if going to annual church service on the "Hill") but go straight to the driveway to our home at 5053 County Hwy, KP.

Meet at the shed where Lee will meet you. Wear jeans and old shoes or boots. We will not be picking where there is ground water and hopefully by that time of day the grass and forbs will be dry.

Short sleeve shirts should be fine but as you wish to be comfortable. Lee will have clippers and buckets to put the seed in as you pick. It is not difficult.

Questions? Call Lee at 798 2553. Lee will have water bottles available.

'Dinner's On Us' Food Distribution – Tues., Oct. 15

Created by UnitedHealthcare (UHC), Dinner's On Us is an event created to promote healthy eating on a budget, partnering with Second Harvest for Mobile Pantries in Dane County to distribute grocery items to food insecure and low income families and individuals. *(There is no eligibility checks, the event and food is open to the public.)*

Distribution will be **Tuesday, Oct. 15th, from approx. 11am to 12:30pm.** in the church parking lot.

Dinner's on us.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is coming to your county to pass out free food.* **This event is open to the public.**

We'll be giving away reusable tote bags filled with healthy groceries. Grocery bags may include protein, a starch, fresh vegetables and fruits as well as other items. While you're there, we can connect you to local community resources to help you live a healthier life.

If you're hungry, you're not alone.

- 1 in 6 Americans is hungry. That's more than 80 million of us.
- 1 in 5 American children is hungry.
- It's harder to learn when you're hungry.
- And it's harder to grow up healthy.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
2427 Church Street (HWY P)
Cross Plains, WI 53528

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*Quantities are limited and will be given away on a first come, first served basis. One bag per household.



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'Coffee with Council -- OCT. 20th

Join St. Martin's Council for our first "Coffee with Council" event on Sunday, October 20th after worship in the Narthex from 10:15 am to 11:15 am.

This is an opportunity to meet the Council, converse with fellow members, and share your ideas and suggestions for the good of St. Martin's. While we will not have a set agenda, possible topics of conversation could include community outreach opportunities and ideas for expanding church involvement.

Looking forward to enjoying coffee and conversation together!

Pastor's Post

It's hard to believe that we are into October already. Where has the time gone? Last month launched a new year of Sunday school, pre-confirmation, and Bible Study with our annual Rally Day. We also held our first ever God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Thank you to everyone who participated! It was a big success and we hope to hold it again next year.

A couple of weeks ago, Geoff and I went camping for two nights at Devil's Lake. It was so wonderful to disconnect from all the busyness of our lives for a few days and just spend time in the moment observing what was around us in God's world.

Fall is a busy time for many of us. While nature is getting ready for winter's long rest, we hardly have a moment to breathe. Busy schedules get in the way and pretty soon we wonder where the time has gone.

In our text for Sunday, October 13, Jesus heals a group of people with leprosy (Luke 17:11-19). Only one of the healed takes a moment to stop, praise, and give thanks. It's a reminder to us that when things get busy, when life rushes by from one thing to the next, it's all the more important to take a moment to praise God and put Christ back at the center, because doing so gives us the strength we need to push on when life gets overwhelming.

So, somewhere at the top of all our much too long to-do lists, remember to praise God so we have the strength to get through the rest.

Peace in Christ,
Pr. Maggie

Sunday School & Pre-Confirmation Classes have started!

Sunday School (for ages 3 through 4th grade) has started.

Pre-Confirmation Class (for kids in 5th and 6th grade) has also started.

You may register your child(ren) for either Sunday School or Pre-Confirmation using the registration form located in the narthex or by downloading the form using the link below.

Children's Christian Education Classes are free and open to everyone. *Questions?* Contact any member of the Youth and Family Ministry Team!

Sunday School and Pr-Confirmation Registration Form: << [CLICK HERE for Form](#) >>

Prayer List

We have updated our prayer list policy. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please

call/email the office manager (om@stmartinscp.org) or Pastor Maggie (pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org). Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks unless otherwise indicated by the prayer requester. Prayer requesters are responsible for making sure their loved ones are placed and remain on the list. *Thank you for your help in praying for those in need!*

Bible Study - Sunday's after service

A Bible Study with Pastor Maggie (studying the Acts of the Apostles) meets weekly this fall every Sunday after worship, starting at 10:30 in the library.

All adults (including high school students) are welcome to attend. If you have a Bible (any translation), please bring it with you, otherwise Bibles are available in the church library.

No pre-reading necessary, only an open mind and a willingness to talk and to have fun!

Christian Education Teachers!

St. Martin's Youth and Family Ministry Team has specific needs for those interested in working with our youngest children ages 3 through 4th grade.

We invite you to consider stepping up to teach for just three Sundays during the 2019-2020 school year. Consider these reasons:

- You'll become an instant hero to parents and kids.
- Kids will start waving at you in church.
- You'll become part of a team of new friends.
- Because we all really do have time for what's important and fun.
- Because there is no higher calling than helping raise up a new generation of disciples!

Skills required: The ability to read, a sense of humor, a caring spirit, and the love of God growing in your heart. For more information, contact any member of the Youth and Family Ministry Team; Lars Haskin, Karen Windels, Jenny Niesen, Jenni McCulloh, Redgy Nelson or Pastor Maggie.

Give Plus

As an alternate way of giving, consider using the 'Give Plus' app on your cell phones (can be downloaded through your app store). Once on, do a search for St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Then follow the prompts.



Lower Level Doorbell

As school starts, please remember the lower level doorbell is **only** for use by *Little Red staff and families of Little Red students*. (They don't have staff to answer if you ring.)

All others must enter the church through the upper level door by the office.
Thank you!

Stay up-to-date with Synod Newsletter '*What Matters*'

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod!

To receive copies of the electronic newsletter '*What Matters*', email Assistant to the Bishop for Media, Communications & Leadership Development, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan (vickih@scsw-elca.org) and asked to be added ... *a great way to stay connected!*

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER

Anniversaries

10/8 Kay & Tom Meier

10/17 Frank & Barbara Durham

Birthdays

10/12 Mary Vassalotti

10/13 Joelle Jackson

10/16 Kimberly Kahl

10/17 Gus Wenning

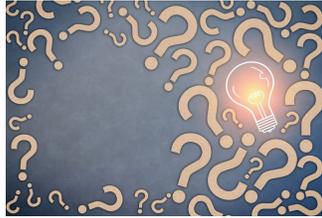
10/18 Colton Klein

10/22 Jim Knudtson, Jenna Rogers

10/24 Debra Wipperfurth

10/30 Shirley Coulson

Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know (om@stmartinSCP.org). Thank you!



Questions? Comments? Concerns?

There's a box for that! A wooden box has been mounted on the wall along hall from Narthex to office, across from drinking fountains, to help with communication between members of the congregation and the Council. Forms are provided next to the box. We welcome all input and ask that you complete all of the fields on the form, including your name, in case clarification or additional information is needed. This is intended to address any questions or concerns people may have for the Council.

Stay Informed!

Monthly Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports can be found in the narthex (on the bulletin board) for your review. Please review, make copies as you would like (but please put the original copies back).

Want to submit something for the bulletin or Weekly Bread?

If yes, **please send it to the office** (om@stmartinscp.org) **by 2pm the Wednesday before publication for consideration.** *Thank you!*

Church Calendar

Wondering about meetings at the church (when, where), if a room is available, etc.? Check the church calendar on the website—www.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis. *Questions?* Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

Church Office Hours & Additional Email Addresses

Summer office hours:

Mon: 9 - 2 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 9 - 2 Thur: 10-2 Fri: CLOSED

Please call ahead (to make sure someone is here) if you want to stop by. Todd (building manager) may be in lower level office, especially during the morning, so you can call him (444-6765) if you need access to the building.

-- OFFICE: Ph: (608) 798-2777 Email: om@stmartinscp.org

-- Church Property Management Team (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):
Property@stmartinscp.org

Pastoral Care Contact Information

If you would like to contact Pastor Maggie, she can be reached by phone at the church (608) 798-2777 or cell at 608-515-8618 or by email PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)

Saturday, Oct. 12

9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (lower level)

10a — Rev. Steve Kottke—'Healthy Congregation' presentation (sanctuary)

Sunday, Oct. 13

9:00a -- Sunday Worship / Sunday School

10:20a -- Bible Study (library)

5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

6:00p -- High School Youth Group (lower level)

Monday, Oct. 14

7:00p -- Berry Historical Society (sanctuary)

Tuesday, Oct. 15

11:00a -- Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry (parking lot)

Wednesday, Oct. 16

5:00p -- Worship Planning Team (library)

Thursday, Oct. 17

6:00p -- Pre-Confirmation Class (lower level)

6:30p -- AA Meeting (library)

Friday, Oct. 18 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 19

9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (library)

Have an update? Please send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org)

Worship Participants -- Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Maggie

Accompanist – Kristin Warner

Song Leader – Karen Windels

Greeters – Ralph & Darlene Schulenberg

Lector / Reader Communion Assistant – Jenny Niesen

Communion Assistants – Bob & Redgy Nelson

Ushers – Kathy Graedel, Kay Meier

Acolyte – Chase Rogers

Counting Team (2) – Marci Barlett, Caleb Wickre

Altar Guild – Darlene Schulenberg

AV Team – Jason Niebuhr

Coffee – Doris Fish

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